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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS: INQUIRY ABOUT UPCOMING HIGHWAY
CONVENTIONS IN THE U.S.

1. THE CHAIRMAN, INDUS SUPER HIGHWAY BOARD, S.A.N. GARDEZI, APPROACHED ECON/ COM COUNSELOR AT RECEPTION JULY 10 AND REQUESTED INFORMATION ON ANY CONVENTIONS OR CONFERENCES ON HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE US OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ONE. HE WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE CONCRETE AND AGGREGATES SHOW IN HOUSTON IN FEBRUARY 1976 (WHICH THE EMBASSY HAD EARLIER BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION) BUT COULD NOT ATTEND THAT UNLESS THERE WAS ALSO A HIGHWAY CONFERENCE AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

2. FYI, GARDEZI WILL BE VISITING AUSTRALIA IN TWO WEEKS TIME TO INVESTIGATE A REPORTED AUSTRALIAN TECHNIQUE FOR BUILDING PAVED HIGHWAYS ACROSS ARID REGIONS AT MUCH LOWER COST THAN CONVENTIONAL US AND EUROPEAN METHODS. HE HAS ALSO RECENTLY SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH AN ITALIAN FIRM TO HELP WITH HIGHWAY DESIGN PROBLEMS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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